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Letter dated 11 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the latest timetable on compliance with resolution 2046 (2012), covering the period 24 August-6 September 2012, which was circulated to the members of the Security Council on 6 September 2012, I would like to draw your kind attention to the following observations:

1. The reference to unconfirmed reports of so-called skirmishes in Upper Nile State and the violation of South Sudanese airspace by white helicopters, as contained in the first column of the timetable, is quite unacceptable, because that reference will increase the tension between the two States, rather than helping them to establish peace and security.

2. The timetable on compliance should have also included a clear reference to the current occupation by South Sudanese forces of the Sudanese territories that constitute the area known as "14 miles south of Bahr Al Arab".

3. The reference to the withdrawal of the remaining Sudanese oil police elements from the Diffra oil installations should be linked to and conditioned upon the establishment of the Abyei Police Service, which remains pending owing to the continued objection by the Government of South Sudan to all the nominations presented by the Government of the Sudan for the Chairman of the Abyei Legislative Council.

4. The timetable on compliance should have also included a reference to the impartial fact-finding efforts to assess losses and damage to oil facilities and other key infrastructures in and around Heglig, as called for in resolution 2046 (2012).

While bringing this to your kind attention, we expect the next timetable on compliance to include all the above-mentioned observations. I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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